

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-441

September 29, 1999

FREEDOM RING d/b/a BAY RING
Approval of Terms and Conditions
And Schedule of Rates

ORDER APPROVING SCHEDULE OF
RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On June 24, 1999, Freedom Ring Communications, LLC d/b/a Bay Ring Communications (Bay Ring) filed proposed initial terms, conditions and rate schedule for the provision of local exchange services.

On September 13, 1999, pursuant to discussions with the Commission staff, Bay Ring filed four replacement pages.

We allow the terms and conditions proposed by Bay Ring to go into effect. Bay Ring has used the Commission's expedited process. That process includes standard terms and conditions that comply with Maine Law and the Commission's Rules. We have reviewed the Company's petition, Terms and Conditions, and Rate Schedules, and they appear to comply with Maine law and the Commission's Rules. Nevertheless, if there is any conflict between a provision in Bay Ring's terms and conditions and the Commission's Rules or a statute, the rule or statute will control. Included in the Terms and Conditions are pages stating that in the event of such a conflict, the statute or the Commission's Rules will control.

In general, the Commission believes that a competitive telecommunications market results in services and rates that benefit the public. We believe that the acceptability of Bay Ring's services and rates in the market place provides an adequate test of the reasonableness of the Company's rates. Accordingly, we allow the rates proposed by Bay Ring to go into effect.

Order that Freedom Ring Communications d/b/a Bay Ring Communication's proposed terms and conditions and rate schedules (pages Original Table of Contents and Original pages 1-10, including "second drafts" of pages 6, 8, 9 and 10), attached to this Order, shall be effective on the date of this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 29th day of September, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Nugent